

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**In the matter of
MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Petition for Expediated Special Relief
Petition for Waiver of C.F.R. § 76.1903**

**CSR-7947-Z
MB Docket: No. 08-82**

Comments of Jesse Crawford:

As a consumer and citizen, I strongly opposed the proposed “Selectable Output Control” mechanism proposed by the Motion Picture Association of America. This petition should not be granted, as it is not necessary and is in direct opposition to the public interest.

Consumers have spent, in many cases, thousands of dollars on High-Definition home theater systems and equipment, and as such expect to be able to use this equipment to display, at optimal quality, content that is created in the high-definition format. The proposed SOC system would force consumers to go to considerable expense to upgrade their current equipment to SOC-compatible equipment, while their old equipment is perfectly capable of displaying such content. This imposes a completely unnecessary and substantial expense on users.

Further, granting this waiver will give MPAA members great control over the design and implementation of a large range of consumer electronics – devices will have to be SOC compatible. Additionally, by consistently disabling certain formats, MPAA members can force consumers to use certain standards, eliminating choice between formats. Manufacturers would be forced to comply with MPAA member’s requirements to be SOC compatible, and thus MPAA members could force manufacturers to make decisions that are adverse to the interests of both consumers and the electronics industry as a whole. MPAA member’s decisions as to what formats will be permitted would likely be driven only by interest in profit, not by technological considerations, consumer-friendliness, or consumer desires.

Further, this waiver is not necessary. Releasing content to the public earlier does not qualify as a “new business model,” and it is a business decision that has already been made by other content producers. The MPAA has additionally failed to furnish any evidence that disabling analog or digital outputs will have any significant impact on copyright infringement.

In the interest of consumers and the industry, the FCC should deny this petition.